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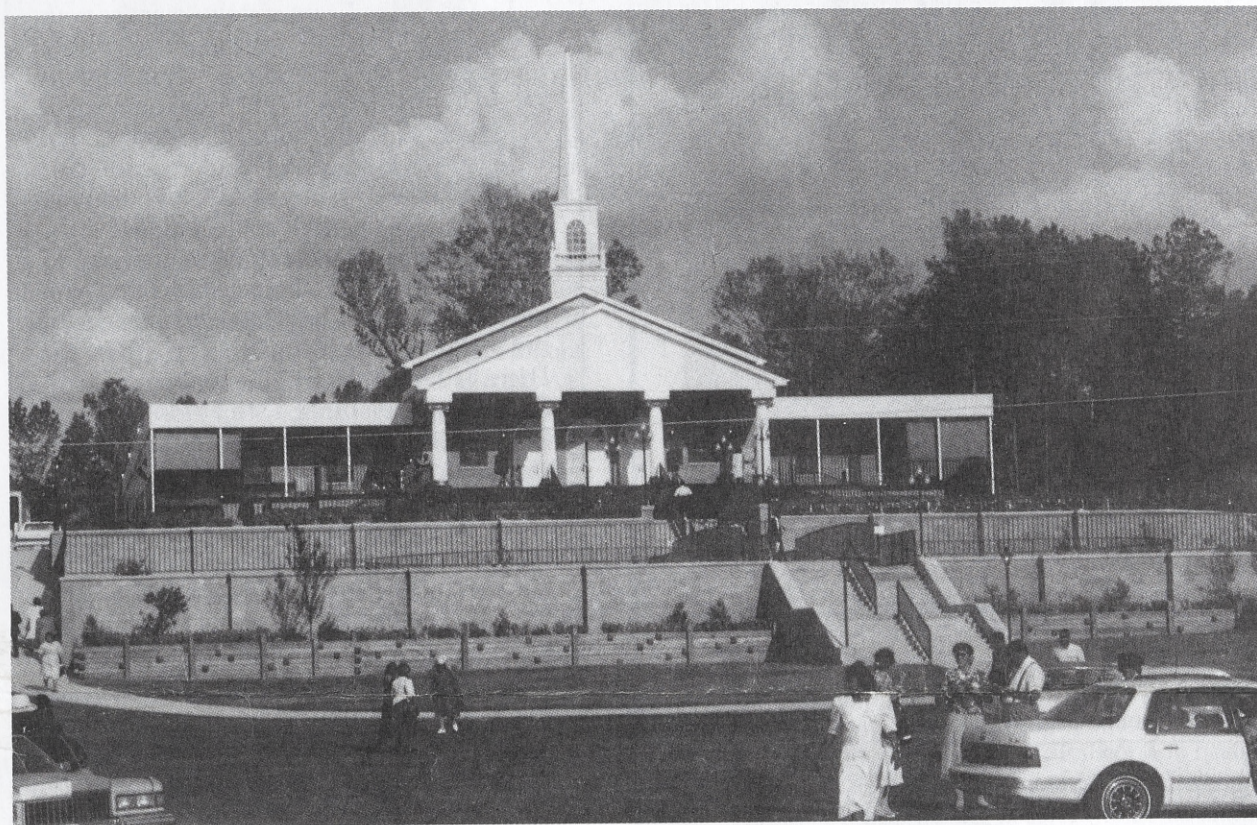
"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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SAINTS ACADEMY AND COLLEGE REOPENED!



The campus was alive with celebrants from around the country.

A little more than three years ago, Presiding Bishop Louis H. Ford ventured up Holy Hill and surveyed the virgin trees and brush growth. He decided a new Multi Purpose Building should be constructed and this building would serve as the catalyst for reopening Saints Academy and College. How it would be accomplished was not considered the challenge, he simply knew that God had ordained him for this moment in history. He decided to name the building for the late Mrs. Deborah Mason Patterson, daughter of Founder and Senior Bishop, C.H. Mason and wife of first presiding bishop, Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. That was enough and Bishop Ford began working toward a modern day miracle.

Bishop Ford diligently worked as the ground was broken, the foundation dug, the walls came up

and the roof went up. He mustered the saints and our resources, and took us to the finished project, either cheering, kicking or screaming but we arrived at a successful end. Finally, this September, 1993, the building was finished and the school reopened. In the interim, a blue ribbon board of education headed by Bishop David Houston provided the professional skills to put the curriculum and staffing in place to make the opening possible. Many fine people have worked untiringly to ensure the opening is successful. On September 13, 1993, Saints College reopened. The saints spent the week of September 7-10, 1993 celebrating the birth of Bishop C.H. Mason, and praising God for the vision.

The days prior to the reopening were filled with accomplishing the last minute details of the pro-

ject. During the week of celebration, nightly, 1,200 saints filled the new building. Each night finances were gathered to make reopening successful. The speakers for the worship services were aware how significant and historic the events of the week were to the life of the institution. Speakers included Bishop S.L. Lowe, Bishop O.T. Jones, Jr., Bishop W.L. Porter and on official night, Bishop C.D. Owens. In honor of the occasion, Bishop J.O. Patterson, Jr. and Mother Lelia (Tiny) Mason Byas thanked the Presiding Bishop and saints for building the Deborah Mason Patterson Building and reopening of the facility.

Friday, September 10, 1993, was the official night and the glory of God inspired the saints. The entire General Board of Bishops, Board of Bishops, leadership of the Department of Women and auxiliary leaders were all in attendance. Noted statesmen from government and civic officials from across Mississippi attended. It was a night for Bishop Ford to know how much the saints appreciated his efforts. As Bishop O.T. Jones, Jr., commented, "I promise to ensure Bishop Ford's rightful place in history. Though he wants no pictures, nor his name on anything, it is our desire to provide him a place in history." Each member of the General Board spoke of the character and fortitude of Bishop Ford. He was the leader and person responsible for the miracle upon Holy Hill. The Elder A.Z. Hall indicated that

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MUSIC TO THE EARS



And they sang!

Atlanta, Georgia, July 26-31, 1993, was a season for rebirth and renewal. The Music Convention was in session simultaneously with The Sunday School. After the joint opening service, the two conventions did not meet together until the night that Presiding Bishop Ford was scheduled to preach.

The Music Convention was conducted in downtown Atlanta at the Hilton Hotel. Dr. Mattie Clark and staff conducted a convention dedicated to music and education. The theme of the convention was "A New Beginning." The faithful delegates of the music department arrived to find an itinerary of quality seminars and worship sessions scheduled. Music is so practical and essential to the worship of our many congregations. The convention provided the professionals and locals an opportunity to blend time and talent for the per-

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED!



Elder Macklin delivered his first official message as leader of the Sunday School Convention.

Atlanta, Georgia, July 26-31, 1993, The International Sunday School Convention of the Church Of God In Christ was conducted with great zest. The Omni Hotel CNN Center was the host quarters and Elder Jerry Macklin and Mrs. Gloria Smith made the saints welcomed. The theme for

this first convention under the leadership of the newly appointed Macklin was "Proclaiming His Word For His World." If the word is important for the believer, the Sunday School Department maximized it's efforts, making the case for that department being the greatest purveyor of the word.

Under the leadership of the late Bishop C.W. Williams (1967-1992) the Sunday School Department grew in numbers, resources and commitment to ministry. Elder Macklin was a tangible and significant part of the era. Presiding Bishop Ford placed the department in the capable hands of Elder Macklin. It was Elder Macklin and staffs challenge to harness all the department's vast potential and produce a quality meeting. Elder Macklin trained under Bishop Williams and he demonstrated his unique abilities to inspire troops and rally the general populace to his level of commitment. As a result, the carry over was evident because hundreds of inspired and dedicated Sunday School scholars ventured to Atlanta and registered as delegates. Upon commencement of

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WARREN APPOINTED JUDGE

BJ Warren, member of the Church Of God In Christ, who is a practicing attorney in the city of Dallas, Texas, and also in Waxahachie, has been hired as the Municipal Court Judge for the city of Waxahachie. Ms. Warren is a native of Wichita, Kansas.

She has a masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri, which she received in May of 1974. Ms. Warren received her Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School in December of 1980.

She presently is a managing attorney for BJ Warren and Associates located in Dallas, Texas and Waxahachie, with a staff of six full time employees.

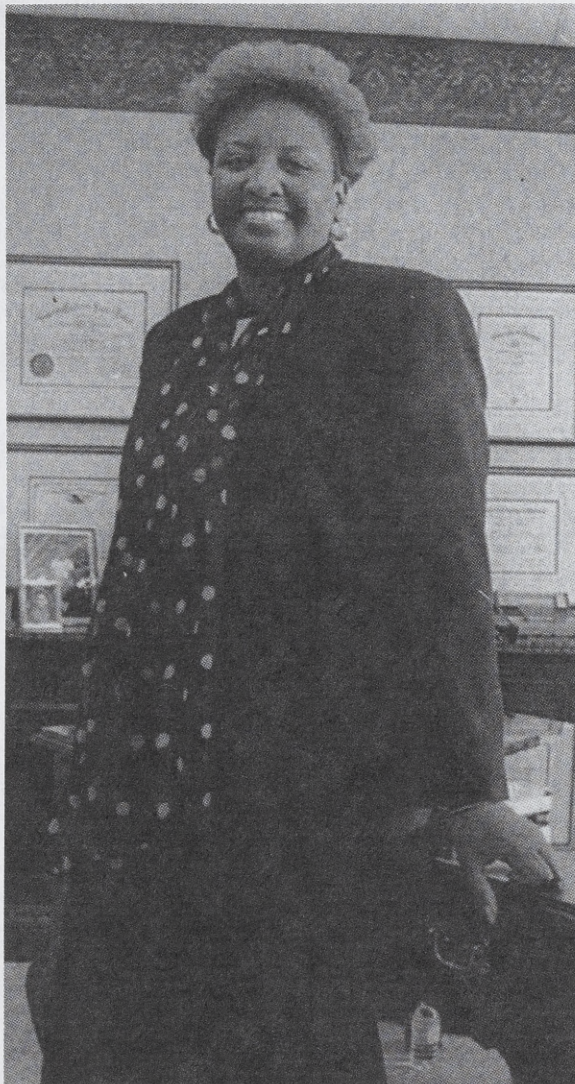
"It's a good opportunity for me," said the very happy lawyer, who has long been socially and economically active in the areas of Dallas and Waxahachie. Her eagerness to serve and her willingness to speak to civic groups not just her race or gender, were what impressed the city council of Waxahachie.

BJ, as the lovely attorney prefers to be called, is active in the national Church Of God In Christ and has long been a role model for the young saints.

She is a very active member of her local church, the Greater Harvest Church Of God In Christ in Dallas, Texas, a member of their board of trustees and a Sunday School Teacher.

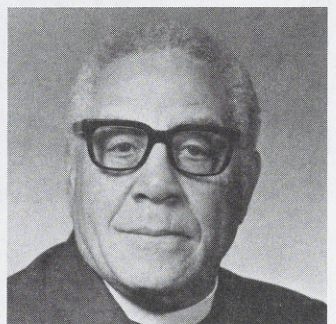
BJ is a single parent and has developed her practice around little 5 year old son, Louie. Her pastor, Bishop Frank W. Smith speaks highly of Attorney Warren as a fine mother, humanitarian and saint of God.

It goes without saying that the entire Church Of God In Christ is happy and supportive of this step up the judicial ladder for Sister Warren.



BJ Warren, in her Dallas law office has been named municipal judge for Waxahachie.

Office
of the
Presiding
Bishop



Dear Saints:

Holy greetings!

On Friday of last week my heart was made to rejoice as the General Board joined me in leading nearly 200 students into the Deborah Mason Patterson Hall at Saints College. These young people represent the first students to be enrolled in our school under its new operation.

I want to thank you and those under your charge for the wonderful support you have given during this administration in support of our ministries for education and youth programs. Without your help, we would not be able to enjoy the kind of success we have achieved, and I want you to know that you have my deep heartfelt appreciation.

In keeping with our need to continue to support our youth, I am asking that you make preparations now to be an attendee of the **Annual Presiding Bishop's Benefit Dinner**. The dinner is to be held on **Saturday, November 13th at four o'clock in the afternoon in the Concourse Hall in the Cook Convention Center.**

I am totally committed to salvaging our youth, their Christian training and education. My commitment is not in words alone, but also in deed; as I have given personally in excess of \$200,000.00 this year alone to the Lexington Project. With God's help and strength, I expect to do even more in the future.

I am calling on you to make this the largest dinner in the history of our church, and I assure you that I will do the same at the end of this dinner as I did with my banquet in Chicago. Every dime above expenses will be used for education and scholarships. Please do not delay. We need to hear from you immediately so that ample plans might be made to accommodate you.

I appreciate the support you have given in the past and trust you to do no less this year. Thank you in advance for helping us to enjoy good success.

Sincerely in Christ,

L. H. Ford
Presiding Bishop
Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

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the convention, it was apparent that the convention was prepared to excel beyond expectations.

The many seminars, practical training sessions and inspirational worship services were conducted daily. To the credit of the department, each activity was well attended and the auditorium was filled for every worship service. The delegates were overjoyed with the activities. Sunday School delegates are the persons who attend church all day Sunday, Tuesday night and Friday night. These are truly mission minded persons. They came to Atlanta looking for substance. Elder Macklin and staff were prepared to give substantive sessions that left an indelible mark. To Elder Macklin's credit he has the capable assistance of some of this organization's most talented persons. Of course, Mrs. Gloria Smith is the long term Field Representative, and there are men like Supt. Robert Smith, Supt. Samuel Fluker, Supt. Adam Edwards, Supt. Robert Hooks and Elder Alton Gatlin.

The scholastic Motivation Ministries were conducted. Oratorical Competition Spelling Bee Competition, Bible Bowl Competition, Mathematics Workshop, Computer Workshop, Youth Talent Hour, Preacher's Children Association, COGIC Ladies, COGIC Gentlemen,

Miss International Sunday School Pageant, Drama Workshop and Drill Team Competition keep the youth busy. The convention's music was excellent and featured Mrs. Vanessa Gatlin and the choir, and Elder Macklin's sister, Mrs. Renetha Macklin-Muldrew, led praise and devotion.

Another understanding feature of the convention was the convention training manual. Within the covers of this booklet were a varied treasure of Sunday School building programs. The materials reflected the character of Elder Macklin's progressive view of Sunday School ministry.

The convention scheduled some excellent speakers. Among those who delivered the word of God were, Superintendent Samuel Fluker, Bishop P.A. Brooks, Elder Ernest Morris, Elder Loren Mann, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Bishop F.E. Perry and Presiding Bishop L.H. Ford. The word of God was surely proclaimed during the convention and then was received with great joy. As for Elder Macklin, he preached one of the great messages heard during any convention. The "Gentleman From Hayward," as he is lovingly referred to, was on target. He exemplifies the best in the Church Of God In Christ and will be an asset to the organization for years.

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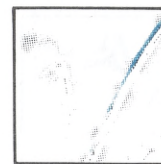
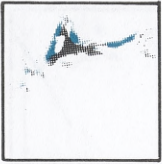
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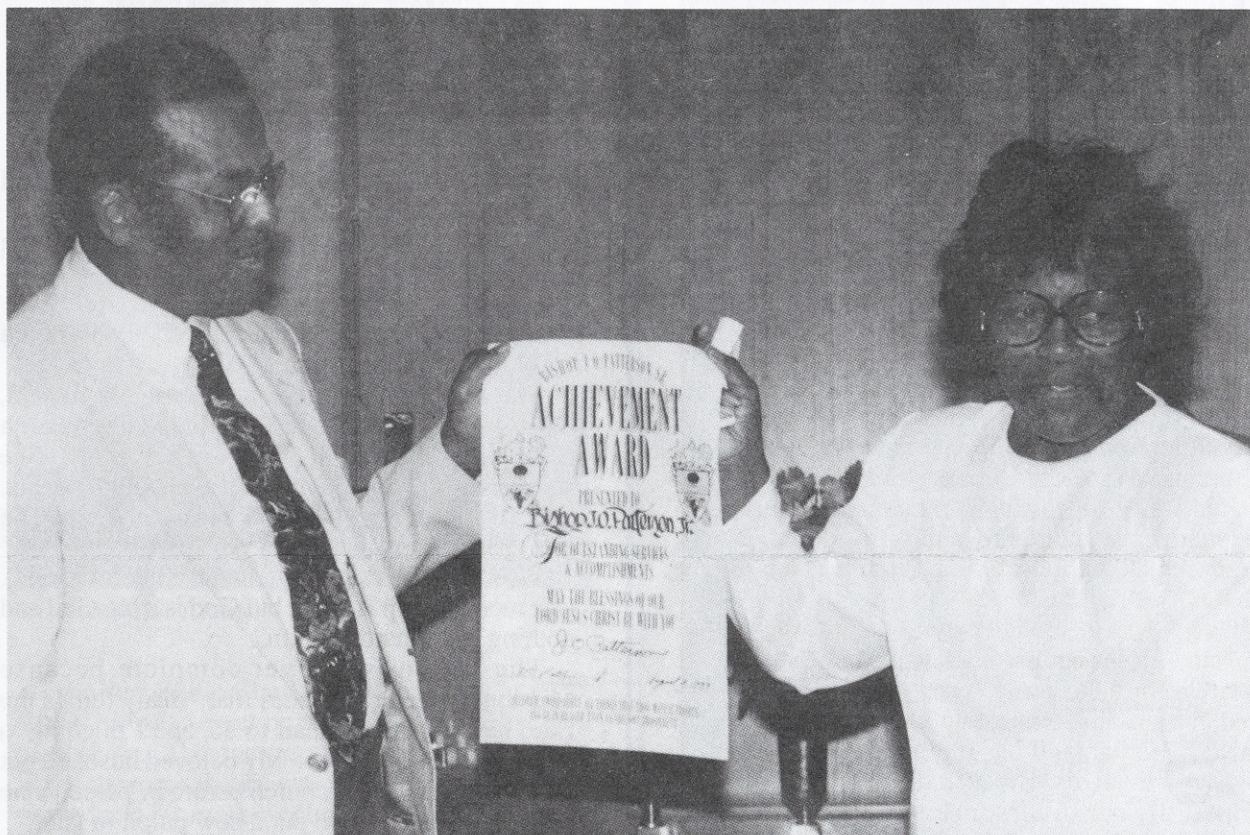
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IN HIS HONOR



The saints of the Headquarters Jurisdiction have instituted a commemorative award to honor individual accomplishment. The annual award is called the Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. Achievement Award. The award will be presented annually at the Headquarters Jurisdiction's convocation.

Bishop J.O. Patterson, Jr. and Mother Estelle Walker made the first presentations in early

Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr. is presented the first ever J. O. Patterson, Sr. Award.

August. The recipients included persons having business interest, social interest and religious interest. Bishop Patterson informed the saints the award is for the faithful and committed saints. As Mother Walker exhorted nightly, "Should you want something, who should you call?" The refrain was a loud "Headquarters Jurisdiction."

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fecting of the art and service to God.

Dr. Clark's health has improved and she provided tangible leadership daily. All the saints have been praying for her recovery and it seemed the Lord heard the prayers. To assist her in the unfolding of the convention were her immediate supporters, National Vice President Mattie Wigley and Second Vice President LuVonia Whittley. Elder Eugene B. McCoy provided a thorough and effective presentation during the daily workshop. There, each delegate was offered the essence of the music convention's purpose. Music is a ministry and a main contributor to the flow of the worship service. Music must be in line with the worship service and help the saints experience the Lord at various levels of spirituality and emotions.

Many persons of highest quality were used to teach the vital and necessary aspects about building choirs, training voices, organizing for success, instrumentation and a favorite, hymnology. Dr. Theodore King was simply excellent. Guest choirs from around the country made their daily presentations. It never ceases to amaze even the most experienced persons that the Church Of God In Christ is blessed with far reaching talent. Dr. Gennie Chandler made a guest appearance in between recording sessions. She was hailed as the very first Black gospel country and western singer on a major record label. Sister Chandler is a native Memphian and long time member of the Church Of God In Christ.

Dr. Clark and staff prepared more than musical activities. Nightly, there were full worship services with brilliant speakers. Among the speakers

were Elder Davis from Detroit, Michigan. He preached a timely message as it pertained to the central theme of survival of Black males in this society. His message forced the hearer to stand and challenge current circumstances. Another guest was the Rev. Richard B. Lankford of Atlanta. Lankford is an ordained minister and Sheriff of Fulton County, Georgia. And of course, the saints greeted the well known evangelist, Rev. Carlton Pearson as he addressed the convention. Rev. Pearson is a television personality and was an associate evangelist for the Oral Roberts Evangelist Association. He is currently serving as pastor of a large congregation in Oklahoma.

Special reference must be made about the banquet honoring Dr. Clark. She was heralded as the grand lady of music. She has personally given a boost of artists like the Clark Sisters, Rance Allen, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Andre Crouch, Beverly Glenn, Keith Pringle, etc. Dr. Clark put COGIC music on the map and her loyal supporters allowed her to know what they thought of her open and big hearted approach to producing talent for the world.

Presiding Bishop Ford announced that next year the department will be able to conduct its convention separate from the Sunday School. That announcement was met with thunderous approval. This should help distinguish and mark the vital rebirth of one of this organization's great conventions. The theme suggested "A New Beginning" is on the horizon and next year the Church should get ready for an ever developing and growing Music Convention.

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Bishop Ford has placed nearly \$250,000.00 of his personal money into the project. His magnanimous efforts inspired the Church Of God In Christ to build when others said that the time was not right. Therefore, the saints from all over the country came at his call and gave free labor and their resources. The finished product reflected the reality that God ordained the man: Presiding Bishop Ford for a time like this.

At a time when independent news sources are speaking of the phenomenal growth of the Church Of God In Christ, Bishop Ford distinguished this report with the reopening of our first historical educational facility. To speak in behalf of the accomplishment were persons who became friends of the Church. The Honorable Fannie Cothran, former mayor of Lexington, Honorable Harold Spencer, Mayor of Lexington, Honorable

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Rodaltion Hart, Holmes county Supervisor, Dr. Walter Washington, President, Alcorn State University, and the Honorable Aaron Henry, Mississippi State Representative all carded the reopening of Saints as a major event. Of course the many bishops and officials of the Church were counted in the number acknowledging the labors of Bishop Ford.

Bishop Ford has come along way from being the little boy taken in by Dr. Mallory and educated at Saints. The Clarksdale native is now the prelate

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of Illinois First Jurisdiction and pastor of St. Paul COGIC in Chicago. He has been honored by presidents, governors and various ranking officials for his years in ministry. Still, for the Presiding Bishop, the reopening of Saints has been his greatest achievement. So, on Monday, September 13, 1993 the first classes in over a decade started. Nearly, 150 students ranging from grades K-12 are enrolled. Friday night, the lovely children marched in the multi-purpose building and heralded the success of the Presiding Bishop. It was a sight to behold! When the saints began to recount the story of the school's reopening and the credit which Presiding Bishop Ford deserves, it brought tears to most eyes.

What has been accomplished? In three years the Gamble Rice Hall has been renovated and furnished, the O.T. Jones, Sr. Hall has been renovated and furnished. Faith Hall has been restored and saved in spite of near dilapidation and of course the new Deborah Mason Pattersons Building has been completed. Bishop Ford did it and now we rejoice in his leadership and our accomplishment.



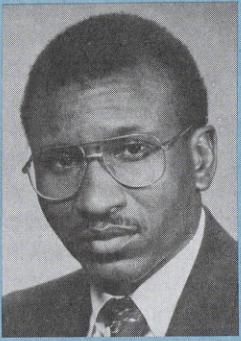
I SHALL WEAR A CROWN

*I shall wear a crown.
The key to heaven I have found.
Glory, Power, Dominion, Forever,
Would I forfeit my part in this kingdom? Never.
Unlike the kingdoms of the word you see,
This place will last throughout all eternity.
I must share with the world what I have found.
I have found the way to the kingdom of God.
I shall wear a crown.*

Written by
Patricia Ann Whitt

THE WHOLE TRUTH

EDITORIAL THE OBSERVANCE



Dr. David Hall

This September the saints gathered in Lexington, Mississippi to witness one of the greatest events of COGIC history: the reopening of Saints College. A little more than three years ago the campus was closed, the buildings were deteriorating, and a tremendous piece of our history was in jeopardy of being lost. Bishop Ford looked upon a wooded hill and saw the vision of a newly constructed building which would lead to the renovation of the campus and eventual rebirth of the school. For the person who was unaware of the fire in the belly of the bishop, they possibly thought he would never accomplish the feat. To the glory of God and the forward progress of the Church Of God In Christ, he did complete the building effort.

Now we stand on the threshold of a new era. The saints who gathered to celebrate the birth of C.H. Mason were aware of the extra special

nature and gravity of this celebration. Because this year's celebration is linked to reopening the college, the celebration shall be one to remember. Scores of parents and youth have made inquiries about possible entry in the schools first class in over a decade. As of September 13, the school flourishes and once again has the sounds of youths and teaching done by dedicated teachers. More staff, both educational professionals and others are being considered for jobs. The interim president, Elder Dean and the blue ribbon education committee headed by Bishop Houston have more in hand than one could imagine. My suggestion is for everyone to get on board and support one of the most outstanding events in the life of the Church Of God In Christ.

God works in strange ways, His miracles to perform. How does one explain the fact that our progress for the coming century was rediscovered in a closed but meaningful and great institution? Humankind has often observed great and wondrous events and not understood. Hopefully, our observance of the events in Lexington, Mississippi will be appreciated and understood.

A MISSIONARY WITH A VISION DISTRICT MISSIONARY PEARLIA COLEMAN

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path.

District Missionary Pearlia Coleman lives in Stamps, Arkansas, and has been a district missionary for 22 years, saved and filled with the Holy Ghost for 48 years and a member of Shiloh Church Of God In Christ in Stamps, Arkansas.

The vision became a reality on August 5, 1992, when Missionary Coleman had brand new church pews put in the church. They are beautiful!! She states that "the Lord layed it on my heart to do this. What was nearly a \$10,000 debt is way down. The Lord has blessed in every way."

We are all working together at Shiloh COGIC. Our membership is small but God is a big God and nothing is too hard for him.

The vision is not yet complete because Missionary Coleman states that "many things the Lord has laid on my heart to do, and I'm going to do as He blesses me too. My beloved husband put in pulpit chairs in our church before he passed nine years ago and I plan to put a new pulpit in later."

Humbly in Jesus,
Shiloh Church Of God In Christ
Stamps, Arkansas

Crack hit the streets around 1986 and became popular in 1987. People no longer cared for snorting cocaine or even purchasing the powdered cocaine. They wanted rocked cocaine or "crack". Instead of having to cook it themselves, they preferred the ready rocks. You can purchase crack on just about any street corner, especially where you see a lot of teenagers hanging together (sad to say) - this is very predominant in California.

Crack is everywhere, you can buy it in any price range from \$1 to \$1000. You can get a \$1 "hit" (or maybe more, depending on who you are dealing with) for a large bath towel, any household goods and personal items such as a TV or VCR, a microwave oven, leather goods, gold, diamonds, you may get \$20 and up.

You pay \$20 for a rock, which is usually the size of your thumbnail, and if you're smoking alone and you're not a fast smoker, it will last from half hour to one hour. But your trip is just beginning. All day or all night you run back and forth to the crack dealer. You say to yourself each time, "this is my last rock, I have to go to work in the morning or I know this money has to last me for two or more weeks," but sad to say, you usually end up broke somewhere within those next twenty-four hours. And before you're through you're not only broke, but you don't have cigarettes, food or gas money for your car.

You're blessed if you still have a car. Sometimes you are so involved you "rent" your car for rocks, or you loan it out and it's used for the purpose of making "a run." Then you're lucky if you get your car back. And if you get your car back it may be "hot" because the people who had it may have sold drugs from it or they might have loaned it out while they had it.

So, here you are the day after: you have a headache, you're broke, you feel stupid and taken advantage of, you feel like a fool for spending everything you had, you feel used (especially if you smoked with someone else). You're tired, listless, dehydrated, and yes, you forgot to call your employer, so now you have a no show or no call on your job record. You that think since you are just starting the mad journey into the world of crack (or the vicious cycle) you can always invent a logical excuse for your constant negligence, your tardiness, your changing moods, your shabby appearance, your negative or bad attitude and your inconsistent attendance.

You say to yourself over and over again...."NEVER AGAIN!!!" but as soon as you get paid, you're back at the crack dealers house for

more. More than likely you didn't smoke at your house when you first started smoking crack. You went to a friend's house (even though you didn't really have friends in the crack world) or you paid to smoke in a smoke house. Later you might allow smoking in your house because you

can get high free; free in that you don't have to have money to get high this time, but you do pay, and boy do you pay!!!

You'll have traffic in and out of your house at all times of the night, people will take things from your house including your personal items, linen, toasters, even your clothing out of your closet. Then you have those people who try to make a deal with you saying that you can smoke and sell crack. No way! If you smoke and try to sell you will end up behind the eight ball every time. You end up spending your rent money, bill money, and everyone else's money. You'll have a house or apartment with no gas or electricity and no luxuries.

During the time you are supposed to be having fun smoking crack, living recklessly, you step on all the friends and family members who really care for you. When they can no longer take the pain you've inflicted upon them and refuse to continue watching you die before their eyes, you will finally find yourself without a job and no place to go. You've become just another one of the other countless hundred homeless Americans.

What I mean by the use of the word die is the physical problems you may experience while smoking crack. From your first hit, which only lasts five to ten minutes, to your last hit, you are constantly raising your blood pressure, pulse rate and respiration rate. Just think, if you smoke all night your system goes through this over and over again. Some of the crack is cut to stretch the product which makes it less pure and more deadly.

Some crack users drink alcohol and smoke cigarettes one after the other. So now you are smoking crack, drinking alcohol (number 1 drug in America) and using tobacco. Most crack users cannot or do not eat or drink fluids, so they lose weight and become dehydrated. Their hair

becomes dry and brittle because crack robs the body of protein and vitamin C. I think a crack user is just as bad or worse than a "Hype" or heroin user. A "hype" once hooked, needs a fix. His body reacts when he doesn't get heroin, he gets cramps, vomits, breaks out in a sweat and, he's physically ill. A crack user's cravings don't make him physically ill. Crack is psychological, and it is a very strong mind drug. If you don't get it you are not going to get sick, but the mind is a very powerful function of the body and spirit, and the average crack user will submit to the strong desire, 'urge' and cravings, then try to satisfy them to get high. This is the addiction of the "crack addict."

Unfortunately, you are never satisfied and you never have enough, though many times you spend all of your check, exhaust your bank account, borrow money from family and friends, you still are not content. There is no future for a crack user, just a dead end street, a vicious cycle before the end. You usually end up losing family, friends, homes, cars, finances, dignity, pride, self esteem and in many cases your health and yes, for some it is a slow suicide.

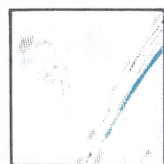
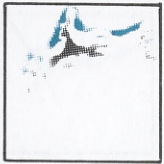
The story you have just read is not from someone's imagination or observations. Nor is it a story that someone has told me, I've actually experienced everything I have just mentioned. I have lived it, I've even sold drugs. The only reason I am a recovered crack monster, a person not just merely existing anymore but really LIVING, is because GOD saved my life and my soul!!

I have my own place to live, I no longer look like a walking skeleton, I have joined up with the normal and real world after six (6) years of drug abuse. I can handle large sums of money without sneaking away to the crack dealer, I have pride in myself, friends, family, self-esteem, motivation and I owe it all to GOD!!

Unless a person is ready and willing to admit that they have a problem with crack and they cannot control crack, and that crack is controlling them, and turn to God, there is little hope of total recovery. God turned my life around. He saved my life and my soul from the demonic world of crack and I'm blessed, blessed, and more blessed.

It's such a job to serve Him and be able to get up in the morning without cigarettes, marijuana, crack or alcohol. Now I get up with praises to God...He's all I need...He's everything I need.

Verna Dread
True Vine Community COGIC



MINISTER WILLIE CHESTER

BY JAN JONES



Minister Willie Chester.

Minister Willie Chester was born July 5, 1936. When he was seven he was stricken with spinal meningitis. The doctors said they could do nothing for him and that he was going to die. His father prayed and his mother cried over him while Willie himself prayed and asked the Lord to heal him.

"Thank the Lord Jesus Christ for hearing and healing me!" Willie was left totally deaf and with a speech impediment. As he grew up he became worried about himself because he was drinking, smoking and getting in a lot of trouble.

"The Lord made me move from Greenville, Mississippi to North Las Vegas in 1962, and he blessed me with a good job, a wife and four children," said Chester. His present job is at Nellis A.F.B. working as a civilian.

He wasn't a member of any church and wondered why the Lord had not blessed him with a church home. So he began to feel depressed and stayed home all the time, watching television. One night while watching a program, the Spirit of the Lord came into Willie's open heart. Strangely,

"The Lord saved, sanctified, baptized him with the Holy Ghost and gave him a new outlook on life."

the TV went off by itself, and he wondered why it did, but he didn't get up to turn it on. He just sat back in his chair, and he felt someone was talking to him saying "Go pick up the Bible and open it."

He did open it and found the answer to all his troubles, in Jesus Christ. He read, "Cast all your cares upon him; for he careth for you."

Willie became close friends with Assistant Pastor Robert Jefferson of St. John's Church Of God In Christ, who worked at the base with him. One day he asked Robert about his church, and Chester soon after visited it. When he sat down he could feel the spirit of the Lord. The Lord saved, sanctified, baptized him with the Holy Ghost and gave him a new outlook on life. Later he was called into the ministry. Chester says, "I am very happy. The Lord has raised me up. The Lord has opened my mouth and my tongue shall speak the uprightness of my heart. My lips shall utter knowledge clearly. The breath of the Almighty hath given me life and I am a new creature in Christ. Please take time to give God your praises. Never stop!"

COMMENT: (JAN JONES) MINISTER CHESTER IS A BLESSING TO ALL AT ST. JOHN'S. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING TO SEE HOW THE LORD SPEAKS TO THIS MAN, HOW WHEN THE CHOIR SINGS HE KNOWS THE SONGS THEY ARE SINGING. HE SAYS HE DOESN'T NEED TO HAVE THE USE OF HIS EARS BACK, BECAUSE HE CAN HEAR WHAT THE LORD IS SAYING TO HIM! HE'S A JOY TO BE AROUND.

PASTOR JOHN C. REID IS INDUCTED TO OXFORD'S WHO'S WHO

Huntington Station, NY, March 2, 1993 - Pastor John C. Reid has been selected for inclusion in the 1992-1993 edition of *Oxford's Who's Who*, The Elite Registry of Extraordinary Professionals, announced today by Oxford's Managing Editor, Adam V. Scott.

"The selection of Pastor Reid is based not only on an illustrious career as Elder of Pentecostal Temple Church Of God In Christ, but also on a long record of achievements and awards for community services," said Mr. Scott.

A list of some of the highlights of Pastor Reid's many accomplishment include: Vice Chairman of Human Relation, Hendersonville, NC (1973-1974); President, Cumberland County Ministerial Council, Fayetteville, NC (1978-1980); Vice President, Cumberland County Ministerial Council, Fayetteville, NC (1982-1984); District Superintendent, District II, 2nd Jurisdiction, North Carolina Conference COGIC (1974-); a radio show on WIDU, an a.m. station, on Sundays.

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Some of Pastor Reid's earlier career achievements include but are not limited to: District Sunday School Superintendent, COGIC, Connecticut, Southern District (1952); Pastor, Love Chapel, COGIC, Wilmington, NC (1955-1969); Pastor, Faith Chapel COGIC, Hendersonville, NC (1970-1974); Pastor, Pentecostal Temple COGIC, Fayetteville, NC (1975-).

Also worth mentioning are some facts related to Pentecostal Temple COGIC: Pentecostal Temple is a religious house of worship whose main concern is for the spiritual well-being of the parishioners. The church presently has a congregation of more than 100 members, and offers worshipers a number of programs, including a Young Women's Christian Council that gathers young women and channels their minds into productive motives of Christian endeavor, a Boys League that instructs boys between the ages of 7 and 17 on Christianity and physical fitness, a Purity Class that seeks to lift and protect moral standards among boys and girls ages 12-19, a sunshine band, marriage seminars, and an outreach program. Pastor Reid is an Elder, a Counselor, and a Minister of the Gospel with the church. He has pastored with Pentecostal Temple for 18 years, and works in conjunction with the church's staff of 10 people. Pastor Reid's goals for the future include working more with young children, and helping them to stay in school and drug-free.

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Inclusion in *Oxford's Who's Who* is based upon the fundamental principal of reference value. *Oxford's Who's Who* also strives to recognize its participants for significant achievements both in the business and private sectors.

Mr. Adam V. Scott

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

**MOTHER LOUISE KITCHEN
WEDS MR. DAVID RICE
APRIL 24, 1993**



Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Rice, Sr.

In the presence of many friends and well wishers on Saturday Morning at 10:00 a.m., Supervisor Emeritus Mother Louise Kitchen became bride of Mr. David Rice in a double ring ceremony, at Holy Trinity Church Of God In Christ, 1325 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by Bishop C.L. Sexton, Jurisdictional Prelate and the Rev. M.W. Ritter, pastor of Holy Trinity Church.

The much talked about event had arrived as the guests waited with anticipation; the bride entered wearing a beautiful styled white brocade ankle length gown featuring crystal and pearl beads with a matching brocade and lace headpiece complete with a shoulder length tulle veil edge in embroidery and decorated with crystals and pearls.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr. Benjamin Kearney, and was attended by her daughter Mrs. Helen Kearney-Knight, who served as the matron of honor, and Miss Tamika Kearney, granddaughter of the bride, served as flower girl.

Mr. Elliot Rice, Sr., son of the groom, served as best man. Ushers included, Mr. Baniel Brown, Mr. Omar Brown, Mr. Joseph Billie, Mr. Elliot Rice, Jr., Mr. Al Kearney and Stephen Rice Jr., served as ring-bearer.

The wedding ceremony was concluded with the lighting of the Unity Candle and the Lord's prayer rendered by Miss Esther Vaughn, God-daughter of the bride, and then the blessing of the marriage by Pastor Ritter.

Following a reception at the Fleur de Lis, the couple honeymooned in Florida for two weeks.

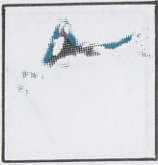
They are now residing in Brooklyn, N.Y.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

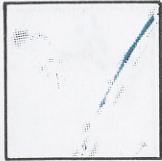
As Editor of The Whole Truth, I personally experience a lot of things. Certainly, I appreciate when the newspaper has a positive effect upon the readers. Basically, I mean the readers see the deeper and more spiritual communication that a spiritually base instrument should have.

Recently, The Whole Truth printed an article entitled, "Shelter Being Prepared" and as a result, Sister Georgetta Rivers sent a substantial contribution to encourage the effort. I only mention it because the gift was truly unsolicited but very much needed. She commented in her letter to Presiding Bishop Ford, "I see from The Whole Truth the Church is doing great things under your leadership."

Well, Sister Rivers, there in tiny Moncks Corner, South Carolina, allow me to thank you for reading the newspaper and especially for the contribution. I must say you are correct, Presiding Bishop Ford is doing a great job, and your support will help him further.



THE WHOLE TRUTH



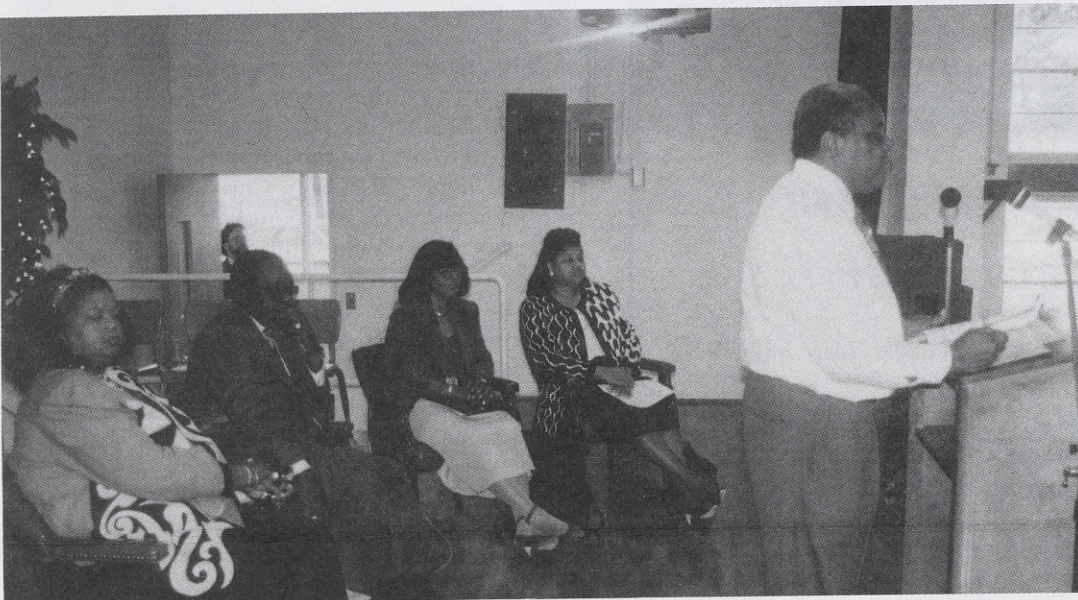
SAINTS COLLEGE REOPENED!



General Secretary, Bishop W.W. Hamilton reads the Dedicatorial Statement.



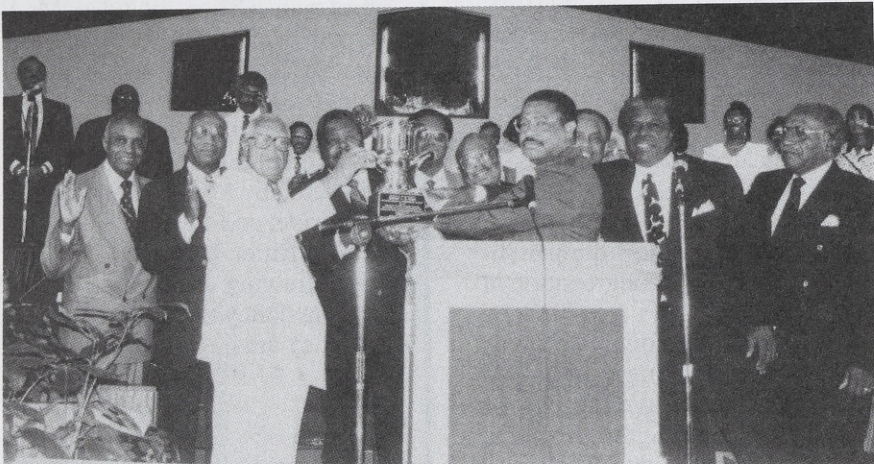
Bishop Ford introduces the grandson of the founder, and son of Deborah Mason Patterson, Bishop J.O. Patterson, Jr.



Interim President, Elder William Dean addresses assembly of parents and students. The Education Committee listened.



Bishop Ford welcomes two pioneers, Mothers Vann and Oliver to enjoy their stay in the special housing of the Multi-purpose building.



The General Board represented Bishop Ford a trophy for his labors.



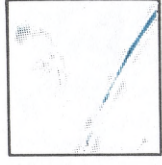
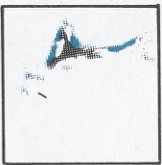
Happy parents and students hold up a Saints Academy & College sign in celebration.



Bishop W.L. Porter labored diligently with the Presiding Bishop and was granted the opportunity to preach one of the dedication messages



Bishop Ford welcomed Mother Lelia Mason Byas, daughter of founder Bishop C.H. Mason.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & MUSIC CONVENTION



Host prelate, Bishop C.D. Owens enjoys the preaching of Supt. Robert Smith.



The drill teams marched daily.



The official administrative leadership poses for a photo.



Dr. Kenneth Hammonds encourages a delegate to discuss the issues.



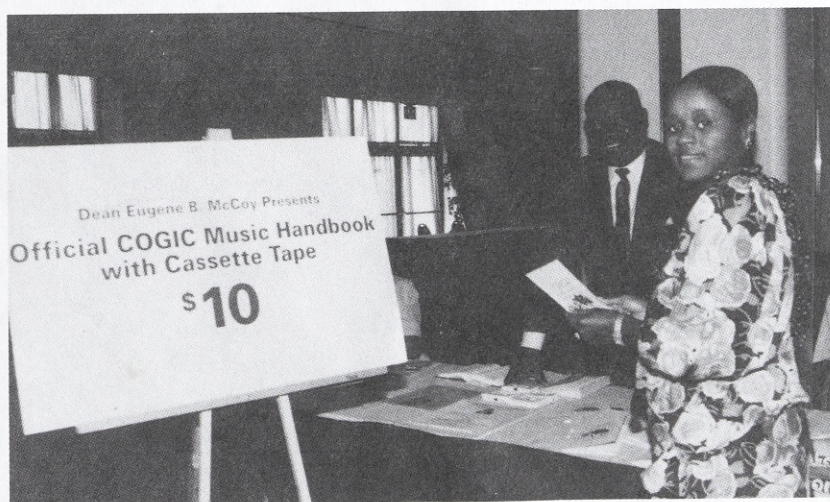
Country gospel recording artist, Sister Gennie Chandler sings one of her soon to be released songs.



Dr. T. King had them all singing hymns.



Presiding Bishop Ford greets Dr. Clark during an evening service.



There were music profession and other help teaching materials for purchase.

THE WHOLE TRUTH

1ST JURISDICTION OF ILLINOIS TENT CAMP MEETING HOLY CONVOCATION

You could tell from the moment you entered the camp ground that something special was to take place, for someone special had orchestrated an event which would be outstanding. At one moment total electrical power was lost, but the Holy Ghost's power more than sustained what had been ordained by God. The 1st Jurisdiction of Illinois Tent Camp Meeting Holy Convocation, under the leadership of our Presiding and Jurisdictional Bishop Louis Henry Ford convened.

We were blessed with great gospel music from the 1st Jurisdictional mass choir of more than 1,000 members, and were favored with selections from Dr. Gennie Chandler, Country-Western Gospel singer, Germantown, TN., Elder Timothy Wright, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Gospel Saxophonist, Dr. Vernard Johnson, Houston, TX.

The gospel was preached each night, with souls being saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Teaching and training for our youth took place in the day services with hundreds of children served daily. What more could Bishop Ford want or desire, or for that matter the people of God? Let me tell you, "THE LORD TOOK US HIGHER." Yes as the daring child in the playground swing, we asked to go higher and our request was truly granted, for Friday had come and gone and Saturday was anew.

The choir sang with a special anointing, confirming the presence of God. Hearts were filled with great expectation as we awaited a word from the Lord through Bishop Ford. The recognition of special guests was made and the sermon solo was sung. Bishop Ford stepped to the podium and delivered a most powerful message, that God's people return to prayer and fasting then enabling us to minister to the needs of a troubled and sin-sick world. The immediate impact of this message was made manifest in one young man with tears streaming down and crying out for deliverance.

Could we ask for anything more? I think we will!

Elder Richard Patterson
Chicago, IL

IN MEMORIAM



EVANGELIST JEAN B. HENRY

6/2/22 - 9/12/92

IT WAS ONE YEAR AGO ON SEPTEMBER 12TH THAT THE LORD CALLED YOU HOME TO A HIGHER POSITION. YOU ARE STILL IN OUR HEARTS WITH ALL OF OUR LOVE AS ALWAYS. WE WILL FOREVER REMEMBER YOUR PRAYERS, THE COUNSELING, AND THE WISDOM WILL ALWAYS BE CHERISHED.

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